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CASSETTES OR READY-TO-USE PACKAGES

Amendment B: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On Page 3, revise paragraphs [0010]-[0012] as follows:

[0010] With reference to the figures, the present invention includes the structure of the apparatus called a printer with an enclosing structure 1. The cassette 2, of a shape and size depending on the types of ribbon, protects the thermal transfer printing ribbon 3 from contact with the operator, preventing the ribbon 3 from being accidentally unwound during handling and conveyance and being easily inserted in the printer or enclosing structure 1, using the fixed references of the latter as guides. The at least one take-up core 4 inside the cassette is necessary to rewind the used ribbon. The external driving device 5 rotates the take-up cores 4. The printhead adjustment arm; 6 (and shown as 6' in the a rest position) brings the ribbon 3 into contact with printhead 7 incorporated in the device itself, indicating a device specific to the printer + to extract the ribbon from the cassette and feeds to feed the ribbon 3 out, bringing the ribbon 3 into contact with printhead 7 incorporated in the device itself, when in the rest position. The heat-sensitive paper serves as the printing medium 9, 9', which is spooled on friction spindles 10, 11, indicating a series of guiding idle rollers 11 and a support 8 for a rubber-coated drive roller. The printing medium 9 is picked up by motorized rollers 12 and rewound around another friction spindle + 13 10 as a spool 13.

[0011] The cassette 14, of a shape and size depending on the types of ribbon, contains a spool of the thermal printing medium 9' and the take-up core friction spindles 10 13, which will be engaged with the two driving devices 10 serving as guides.

[0012] The multiple cassette-type container 15, having a composite form, contains the spool of ribbon 3 and take-up core 4 as well as the spool of the printing medium 9 and take-up core friction spindles 10–13, which will be engaged with the two driving devices, such as 5 and 10, serving as guides.